

## ELECTION AND REMARKS

The Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, identified in the Office Action of November 28, 2006, with traverse. The Applicants believe that a search of the subject matter of both an isolated nucleic acid encoding *Arthrobacter* hsp70 protein (Group I) and an isolated *Arthrobacter* hsp amino acid sequence will pose no undue burden for the Examiner since they are related.

Applicants herein reserve their right to elect prosecution of the non-elected subject matter for further prosecution in the future.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and favorable consideration of the claims in light thereof. If it will advance prosecution of this matter the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned counsel at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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